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**LEONARD ANNOUNCES FREE SEMINAR FOR
BAKERSFIELD AREA NONPROFIT AND EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS**

State Board of Equalization Member Bill Leonard and Senator Roy Ashburn are sponsoring a free one-day seminar to assist nonprofit and exempt organizations in the Bakersfield Area.

Leonard encourages those responsible for nonprofit and exempt organizations to attend and learn more about how tax laws and reporting requirements affect them. Topics will include property taxes, employment taxes, sales taxes for nonprofits, and the Nonprofit Integrity Act of 2004.

Experts from the Board of Equalization, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service and the Office of the Attorney General will be on hand to assist attendees.

Date: Thursday, June 16, 2005
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)
Place: CSU Bakersfield
Student Union – Multipurpose Room
9001 Stockdale Highway
Bakersfield, CA

Those wishing to attend may register online at www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/tpsched.htm
For more information please call Chris Mejia at 916-324-2068.

Bill Leonard, of Sacramento/Ontario, was elected to his first term as Second District Member of the State Board of Equalization in 2002. Prior to his election, he served in the State Assembly (1978-1988, 1996-2002) and in the State Senate (1988-1996).

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects more than \$44 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It also acts as the appellate body for business tax appeals, franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property tax.

Other Board Members include Betty T. Yee of San Francisco, Acting Member, First District; Claude Parrish of Long Beach, Third District; Chairman John Chiang of Los Angeles, Fourth District and State Controller Steve Westly.

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